

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Whalen Julie

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3250 VAN NESS AVE.  
(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/02/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Acting Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/02/2012		M	4,575 A \$ 0	5,528	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2012		F	1,679 (1) D \$ 38.85	3,849	D	
Common Stock					883 (2)	I	By Managed Account

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	05/02/2012		M	4,575	(4) (5)	Common Stock	4,575

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Whalen Julie 3250 VAN NESS AVE. SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109			Acting Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Laurel Pies, Attorney-in-Fact for Julie Whalen

05/04/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents the number of shares withheld upon vesting of restricted stock units to cover tax withholding obligations.

The reporting person owns \$35,286.44 in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. 401(k) Plan, based on a statement dated May 2, 2012. The number of shares indirectly owned was calculated by dividing the amount owned in the WSM stock fund by \$39.95, the closing price of Williams-Sonoma, Inc. common stock on May 2, 2012.

(3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of WSM common stock.

(4) The restricted stock units fully vested on May 2, 2012. Dividend equivalent payments were accrued and paid upon vesting of these shares.

(5) The restricted stock units were cancelled upon vesting and delivery of shares of WSM common stock.

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